



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

MAILED
FROM DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

JUL 23 2007

TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3600

OBLON, SPIVAK, MCCLELAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.
1940 DUKE STREET
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

In re application of	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Gary M. Katz	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL
Application No. 09/776,714	:	(ACCELERATED
Filed: February 06, 2001	:	EXAMINATION)
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TIMING PROMO-		
TIONS BASED ON A PRIOR RECEIPT OF PRO-		
MOTIONS		

This is in response to the petition filed on February 06, 2001 to make the above-identified application special on the basis of special examining procedure for certain new applications - accelerated examination as set forth in MPEP § 708.02 VIII.

The requirements for granting special status under this section are: (A) a petition to make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h); (B) all claims being directed to a single invention, or an election without traverse if the Office determines that all the claims are not directed to a single invention; (C) a statement that a pre-examination search was made listing the field of search; (D) one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record; and (E) a detailed discussion of how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references in accordance with 37 CFR 1.111 (b) and (c).

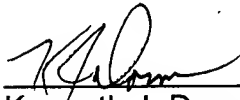
The petition fails to adequately meet requirements (A) above. Regarding item (A), the petition does not make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h).

For the above stated reasons, the petition is **DISMISSED**.

Petitioner is given one more opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted.

Applicant should promptly submit a renewed petition to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231. The envelope should indicate that the correspondence be brought to the attention of Technology Center 3600.

Until the renewed petition is submitted, the application will be returned to the examiner's docket to await treatment on the merits in the normal order of examination.



Kenneth J. Dorner
Special Programs Examiner
Technology Center 3600
(571) 272-6587

KJD/slb: 07/18/07